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Discipline in the Classroom

A workshop to show educators how to integrate discipline strategies while still meeting learning objectives was recently held in Emporia.

"A high priority in the classroom should be teaching and learning for ALL students, including the misbehaving student," said Dr. Larry Dixon, the workshop's presenter. The workshop, "Logical Approach to Developing Discipline Strategies" or LADDS, drew 26 educators from across the state. The workshop was held Tuesday, February 5, at Emporia State University's Jones Institute for Educational Excellence.

"(This method) is a developmental process designed to assist in developing an effective discipline program to improve students' learning environment," Dixon said.

Issues discussed at the workshop included handling student behaviors in a consistent manner, working with disruptive students without taking away from the teaching and learning process, and avoiding the escalation of a minor conflict into a major conflict.

Dixon has worked with the Geary County School District since 1979. As associate superintendent, Dixon was responsible for the creation of support and alternative programs for students identified as academically at-risk. These programs have contributed to an increase in students' academic performance and performance on state assessments. Dixon's implementation of a district-wide approach to student discipline led to his creation of L.A.D.D.S.

He is assigned to Geary County Unified School District to assist with the effort to close the Black/White academic achievement gap.

For more information about this workshop, visit www.emporia.edu/jones or contact Toni Bowling at mbowling@emporia.edu, 1-877-378-5433, 620-341-5372.

Educators in attendance at the workshop included:

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| USD 231, Gardner –
Miranda Heinrich,
Megan Woods | USD 290, Ottawa –
Lynda Alderman, Cheri
Underwood | USD 367, Osawatomie –
April Allen, Sheila
Hagnauer, Emily Mader,
Andrea Manes, Amy
Shiple, Becky
Stainbrook, Kelley
Wallace, Jeff White | USD 402, Augusta –
Carley Mason |
| USD 251, Americus –
Amanda Newman | USD 322, Onaga –
Sheri Bartel | USD 390, Hamilton –
Stacey Haney | USD 446, Independence
– Mark Hayward |
| USD 253, Emporia –
Nancy Meinholdt | USD 336, Holton –
Alex Bartel | USD 396, Douglass –
Barbara Fox | USD 450, Tecumseh –
John Oshel, Tanya
Richey,
Erin Schneider |
| USD 288, Richmond –
Clint Jackson | USD341, Oskaloosa –
Esther Jewell | | USD 493, Columbus –
Angie Perry |

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